

**KY PLAN FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
1998 DEGREE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**

**ACTION ITEM
CPE (L-3) TOC (E)
January 12, 1998**

Recommendation:

- That CPE approve the certification of 1998 degree program eligibility for submission of academic program proposals during calendar year 1998 for 20 of 22 postsecondary education institutions – either through automatic eligibility or the waiver process as provided in 13 KAR 2:060, *Policy on Degree Program Approval; Equal Opportunity Goals*.

Rationale

- KRS 164.020(8), SB 398, enacted by the General Assembly in 1992, states that, “The Council on Postsecondary Education shall postpone the approval of any new program at a state institution of higher learning, unless the institution has met its equal opportunity goals, as established by CPE.” KRS 164.020(8) was included in HB 1 in the Special Session of the General Assembly in May 1997, codified as KRS 164.020(18), and implemented through Administrative Regulation 13 KAR 2:060.
- The certification fulfills the requirement of KRS 164.020(18) and Administrative Regulation 13 KAR 2:060.
- Approval of the certification will allow CPE to receive and act on academic programs from the universities and community colleges in calendar year 1998.

Background:

In accordance with administrative regulations promulgated by CPE, those institutions not meeting the goals shall be able to obtain a one-year waiver, if the institution has made substantial progress toward meeting its equal educational opportunity goals. HB 1, enacted in the 1997 Special Session of the General Assembly, will make the Kentucky Tech System a part of the postsecondary education system. The KY Tech institutions are not yet officially part of postsecondary education and therefore are not addressed in this evaluation.

CPE authorized its Committee on Equal Opportunities to oversee the implementation of the process. Administrative Regulation 13 KAR 2:060 sets forth the procedures to be used to determine institutional status (eligible to submit or postpone approval). The administrative regulation lists the degree program eligibility status that may result from data analysis.

The process for evaluating institutional progress in implementing the various objectives of *The 1997-2002 Kentucky Plan for Equal Opportunities* was revised to reflect the evaluation methodology employed by CPE in accountability reporting. The methodology adopted is the use of “continuous progress” as the determining element of institutional success in implementing each specific measurable objective. Continuous progress means that an institution shows an increase in the number of students or employees over the previous year for each category of objectives.

At the July 21, 1997 meeting, CPE adopted the *1997-2002 Kentucky Plan for Equal Opportunities in Postsecondary Education*. The new plan is intended to provide oversight and to guide equal opportunity initiatives over the next five years. CPE also adopted a revised administrative regulation at its October 1997 meeting to guide implementation and evaluation of institutional progress in implementing the strategies identified in the new plan. As part of that process the CEO and CPE agreed that evaluation of institutional progress would be in the form of certification and reporting by CPE staff of the status of each institution to request new academic programs. The certification of institutional status is to be reported to CPE at its January meeting.

SUMMARY OF ELIGIBILITY STATUS

Eligibility Category	Community Colleges	Universities	Total
Automatic	4	5	9
Quantitative Waiver	5	2	7
Qualitative Waiver	4	0	4
Not Eligible	1	1	2
Total	14	8	22

INSTITUTIONAL ELIGIBILITY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1998

The eligibility status of the institutions was determined through application of the administrative regulation (13 KAR 2:060). The status of each institution and the supporting information is:

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Institution	Objectives showing Continuous Progress	Total Objectives Evaluated	1998 Eligibility Status
Ashland CC	2	2	Quantitative
Elizabethtown CC	1	2	Qualitative
Hazard CC	3	3	Automatic
Henderson CC	2	3	Quantitative
Hopkinsville CC	2	3	Quantitative
Jefferson CC	4	4	Automatic
Lexington CC	4	4	Automatic
Madisonville CC	3	3	Automatic
Maysville CC	2	3	Quantitative
Owensboro CC	2	3	Quantitative
Paducah CC	1	2	Qualitative
Prestonsburg CC	1	1	Qualitative
Somerset CC	1	4	Qualitative
Southeast CC	2	3	Not Eligible
Notes: All community colleges are working toward four objectives. When less than four are cited, the college had too few employees in an objective area for a measurement to be made. Automatic eligibility equals progress in 3 of 4 (or 75%) of the objectives and continuous progress of 100%. Quantitative waiver equals progress in 2 of 4 (or 50%) of the objectives, 80% continuous progress, a governing board resolution, and no waiver during the 1997 calendar year. Qualitative waiver requires submission of specified information, a governing board resolution, no waiver during the 1997 calendar year, recommendation by CEO, and CPE approval.			

UNIVERSITIES

Institution	Objectives showing Continuous Progress	Total Objectives Evaluated	1998 Eligibility Status
Eastern Kentucky	6	8	Automatic
Kentucky State	5	7	Automatic
Morehead State	5	8	Quantitative
Murray State	6	8	Automatic
Northern Kentucky	5	8	Not Eligible
University of Kentucky - US	6	8	Automatic
University of Louisville	5	8	Quantitative
Western Kentucky	6	8	Automatic

Notes:

Kentucky State University is working toward seven objectives; the university has too few graduate degree programs to participate in the goal related to Enrollment of Graduate Students.

Automatic eligibility equals progress in 6 of 8 (or 75%) of the objectives and continuous progress of 100%. Kentucky State is 5 of 7 (or 71%) and show an increase in the number of entering freshmen with ACT scores at or above the statewide average.

Quantitative waiver equals progress in 5 of 8 (or 63%) of the objectives, 80% continuous progress, a governing board resolution, and no waiver during the 1997 calendar year. Kentucky State is 4 of 7 (57%).

Qualitative waiver requires submission of specified information, a governing board resolution, no waiver during the 1997 calendar year, recommendation by CEO, and CPE approval.